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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

For many of you this is your first 4-H Newsletter. You will receive one monthly newsletter per family for the 4-H year. The newsletter is filled with information you will need to know each month. Be sure to ask questions and learn about the activities and information listed. Please let us know if you are receiving more than one newsletter so we can change this in the computer or if you change addresses. If you have not re-enrolled in 4-H as of Dec. 15, 2010, this will be your last newsletter.

Read your newsletter thoroughly and if you find your initials and birthdate somewhere in the newsletter, call the Extension Office. The 4-H Council will send you a check for \$5.00!

Emily Rath completed 38.5 volunteer hours in the Community Service Project in 2010 – sorry we missed her name in last month's newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who brought toys for Toys For Tots. 4-H did very well gathering and donating toys. Next year we plan to start collecting earlier.

At Family Fun Night we missed recognizing Cody Thatcher as a 10 Year Member. She will receive her plaque and pin in January at her club's awards banquet.

Three of the Top 5 Steer of Merit winners in the Ultrasound Division are from Yellowstone County. These individuals were acknowledged at the awards ceremony at the MSGA convention. Congratulations to Rachael Buzanowski, Kelsey Kraft, and Jordyn Wagner.

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4-H NEWSLETTER

If you know of anyone in your club who is **NOT** getting a newsletter, please have them call the office at 256-2828 and let us know. If you are planning on moving or changing your last name, please let the Extension Office know so you may continue to receive the newsletter.

4-H YEAR BEGINS

Welcome to the 2010-2011 4-H year. If you are new to 4-H, you have just begun to receive this newsletter. It is an important communication for all 4-H members and families. Topics covered in this newsletter are for the information of every member and leader. Your club does not have to be involved in a workshop or event for you to participate. Please take the opportunity to try something new when you read about it in the newsletter. We encourage you to pay attention to registration deadlines and understand that sometimes classes have a limit on the number of participants. Sign up early! Some articles will have only a small part of the information. Feel free at any time to contact the Extension Office for further information. We enjoy having you stop in at the office but also encourage you to contact us by phone 256-2828 or email ronibaker@montana.edu

Remember that the 4-H newsletter, monthly calendar, event registration forms and enrollment forms are always accessible online at our Yellowstone County website: www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/extension/county4h/

REMINDER: You must be enrolled in 4-H for the current year to participate in events and activities listed in this newsletter. If you have not yet turned in your enrollment, please do so.



MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

4-H VOLUNTEERS AT THE RED KETTLES

4-H volunteers rang the bell at the Salvation Army red kettles on Saturday, Dec. 11th. We received notification that 4-H volunteers raised a whopping \$1,467.⁴⁸! Wow! Those dollars stay in our county to help local residents in need. Feel proud about making a difference this holiday season!

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks

Morgan Bailey	Samantha Bailey
Stephanie Bailey	Preston Bailey
Ben Schaak	Tera Schaak

Cool Clovers

Maddison Bach	Jasmine Drange
Jodie Drange	Spencer Drange
Jessi Kauffman	Jodi Kauffman

Heights Trailblazers

Bernice Corcoran	Brooke Corcoran
Austin Norwick	Amy Schmaltz

Hesper Hustlers

Kaden Amen	Shaylee Barthuly
Beau Bromenshenk	Cortney Bromenshenk
Garrett Bromenshenk	Jeremiah Cochran
Kolby Dietz	Lexy Dietz
Duncan Hauck	Anna Kraft
Hannah Kraft	Jake Kraft
Kelsey Kraft	Seth Kraft
Ty McCormick	Alex Michaelson
Clayton Moore	Trey Nansel
Ty Nansel	

Huntley Eagles

Frankie Sindelar	Kim Sindelar
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Kountry Kritters

Nancy Byxbe

Laurel Roadrunners

Shaylynn Austin	Carol Camp
Olivia Camp	Emily Hoffman
Katie Hoffman	Julie Hoffman
Denise Ingram	Carrie Krug
Jamie Krug	Blake Lanaghan
Christopher Lanaghan	Lacey Lanaghan
Jane Ryan	Tasha Smith
Annie Snow	Maggie Snow
Nita Snow	

Lockwood Humble B's

Cheyenne Risdon	Linda Risdon
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Ruff Riders

David Asay	Christian Fink
Madeleine Fink	Nancy Fink

Jacob Spenner

Kristi Trupka

Shepherd Pioneers

Stephanie Horsman

Bret Miller

Elizabeth Miller

Hannah Murray

Town & Country

Joanne Hoch

Michelle Johnson

Sheryl Kilzer

John McNeil

Kaleb McNeil

Rani McNeil

Tom Tyler

Worden Riverdale

Kaylee Davis

Logan Donally

Alma Longmire

Vicki Spenner

Andrea Miller

Carol Miller

Moriah Miller

Sarah Murray

Kelsey Johnson

Shaela Johnson

Brandon Muessig

Kaeshia McNeil

Kelsey McNeil

Ann Tyler

Clayton Donally

Nicole Donnaly

Makayla Longmire

At Large Leaders

Deb Barta-Grice

Whitney Grice

Extension Office

Roni Baker

Melody Harris

Leslie Idstrom

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DEADLINES

Don't forget to think about traveling abroad with the IFYE program for a three or six month exchange. Montana youth can travel to Argentina, Japan, Australia, Finland, and Costa Rica for one –two month next summer as part of the IFYE Ambassador program. Age requirements vary by program. Former 4-Hers (19-30) can travel to a country of their choice and stay with host families for up to six months. Travel for this program begins June 2011 after a national orientation that brings together IFYEs from all over the United States. Significant financial assistance for these programs is provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation and program coordination is provided by the

4-H Center for Youth Development. These trips are unique cultural experiences that encourage global communication and allow participants to understand another culture and language in-depth. **Application deadline: Jan. 1, 2011.**

4-H youth from around the country travel with chaperones to their country of choice and stay with host families for a

month beginning in June or July 2011. Adult chaperones are needed for all of these programs. **Application deadline for adult chaperones to Argentina, Japan, Australia, Finland or Costa Rica: Jan. 1, 2011.**

A full year internship is available to a select number of college-age youth (3-4 annually) who have already been to Japan on a one month summer exchange. Interns are selected from around the nation and work in the Labo or LEX offices for one year. Applicants chosen for an interview will be flown to Seattle to meet with the Japanese partner organization before a final selection is made. This is once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! **Application deadline: Jan. 1, 2011.**

Application materials for all programs are available on the web at <http://www.montana4h.org> or by calling Stephanie Davison at 406-994-3501.

4-H COUNCIL

There will **NOT BE** a January 4-H Council or Department N meeting. See you February 3rd, Courthouse Room 105.

FRUIT SALE INFORMATION MEETING JANUARY 6, 2011

All 4-H Clubs are required to participate in the fruit sale. Each club needs to have at least one representative present at this meeting.

When: Thursday, January 6th, 2011

Where: Room 105, Courthouse

Time: 5:30 p.m.

You will receive your club order forms, instructions and enjoy a tasty snack.

FRUIT SALE POLICY

Members are expected to sell a minimum of 2 boxes of fruit or take part in the buy out program (talk to your club fruit sale representative).

4-H Council Policy:

"All 4-H members must participate in the Yellowstone County 4-H Council Fruit Sale and Family Fun Night fund raising events if the member wishes to participate in county sponsored events. (County sponsored events include: Achievement Day, 4-H Camp, Citizenship Interviews and

Trips, Congress, Showcase, Sewing Festival, Foods Festival, Livestock Judging events, leader training and any other event or activity funded by or through a committee or Council line item budget.)"

CITIZENSHIP DELEGATES

4-H members in Yellowstone County interviewed for trips to the Washington, D.C. Citizenship Focus to be held June 11-18, 2011 and the Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar in Helena to be held Feb. 27 - Mar. 1, 2011. Delegates to the Washington, D.C. Citizenship Focus are:

Jasmine Drange

KaCee Erickson

Jessica Hickel

Moriah Miller

The following 4-H members were selected as delegates to attend the Montana Citizenship Seminar in Helena:

Courtney Bruce

Connor Dove

Jasmine Drange

KaCee Erickson

Sarah Haffey

Othneil Harkins

Jessica Hickel

Moriah Miller

Justin St. John

AMBASSADOR'S CORNER

Yellowstone County 4-H Ambassadors will be helping with county Project Day on Saturday, January 8th. We encourage 4-H members to come learn about new and existing projects and participate in some fun activities.

The Ambassadors will be putting on a **4-H Family Orientation** on Jan. 13th from 6-8:30 pm at the MetraPark Yellowstone Room for new and existing 4-H families that want to learn more about record books, record sheets, 4-H opportunities, 4-H concepts, etc.

Please read the following two articles for more information.

4-H FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT JANUARY 13TH

If you and your family are new to 4-H, have only been involved with 4-H for 1-2 years or want to learn more about 4-H opportunities, this fun, interactive training event is for YOU!

FREE PIZZA and ICE CREAM SUNDAES! Fun, Get-to-

know-each-other icebreakers! As a family, explore the following:

Favorite 4-H Projects Station: Learn about some of the many diverse projects offered in Yellowstone County 4-H.

Record Book Station: What is a record book? As a group, you'll fill out a giant sample record book and learn about 4-H recordkeeping.

Demonstration Station: Watch 4-Hers give demonstrations and YOU be the judge. Learn what judges are looking for and how to give a good demonstration.

Teen Leadership and Summer Camp: Learn about the 4-H teen program and activities and learn about 4-H summer camp.

Awards Station: Learn about the 4-H Awards program.

Opportunities in 4-H: Older 4-Hers will share their favorite 4-H experiences from travels in and out of state to scholarships and more!

Don't miss out...we hope to see you there! Thursday, January 13th, 6:00 ~ 8:30 pm in the Yellowstone Room at MetraPark. **Please RSVP by Thursday, Jan. 13th by 12 noon, to the Extension Office @ 256-2828.**

PROJECT DAY & LEADER'S COLLEGE

On Saturday, Jan. 8th make plans to come to Project Day at the MetraPark Sage Center to learn about new and existing projects offered in 4-H. Try something fun and new. Registration will be held from 8:30 ~ 9:00 am. Some classes have a limited enrollment so participants will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Snacks will be provided. No lunch will be served. Classes offered will include: Comedy Improv, Cake Decorating, Arts & Crafts, Goats, Parliamentary Procedure, Livestock Judging, Robotics and Horse. Participants will be able to select three 45 minute classes. Classes will be done at noon.

Leader's College Level 1 will also take place during project day from 9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm. While your kids are at project day, you can attend the leader's training and learn new, fun ideas for working with youth! No registration necessary.

GIRLS FOR A CHANGE

Where: Montana State University Bozeman
Student Union Building

When: Saturday, February 26th, 2011

For: High school girls in 8-12 grade

Cost: \$20 per girl

Registration Deadline: February 22nd, 2011

Website: <http://www.allthrive.org/programs/girls-for-a-change/2011-girls-for-a-change-conference/>

What: Girls For A Change is a grass-roots initiative whose mission is "to empower girls to embrace their future, confident about their individuality, supported by friends, parents, and mentors and secure in their ability to lead and to achieve self-sufficiency, fulfillment and success."

The conference is put on by girls and their adult mentors and features a variety of fun workshops. The 2011 "The World You Want: respect/adapt/stand up" conference will feature keynote speaker Jane Olson. Jane Olson has devoted her life to international justice and humanitarian work. She has chaired the International Board of [Human Rights Watch](#) and the board of Survivor Corps, which was founded and known for a decade as "Landmine Survivors Network".

For more information visit the website or email: gfac@allthrive.org or call 406-587-3840.

CLOVERBUD MEETING

All Cloverbuds and Cloverbud parents are invited to join us for a night of fun on Wednesday, January 12th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Courthouse Room 105. There will be crafts for the kids.

Please call Stephanie Johnson @ 252-4115 with questions and to RSVP to ensure we have enough craft supplies. Can't make it to this meeting, that's OK. If you are interested in any future Cloverbud activities please give Stephanie a call. She would like to get your input to ensure all our Cloverbuds have a successful and fun 4-H year.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR & CIT APPLICATIONS DUE JAN. 7th

If you are interested in becoming a Counselor or CIT, 4-H members must be 13 or older by the first day of Camp (June 6, 2011) to be a CIT (Counselor in Training). Members must be 14 or older by the first day of Camp (June 6, 2011) to be a Counselor. The application form for camp counselors and CITs was enclosed in the December 4-H newsletter and is also on the 4-H website. The application must be postmarked by **Friday, January**

7th, 2011. Applications are available at the Extension Office.

If you are selected to be a Counselor or CIT, you **must** attend all remaining Camp planning meetings. This year Camp will be held June 7 - 10, 2011. You will be required to be at Camp on June 6th.

ADULTS NEEDED FOR CAMP

Adults are always needed to help plan and attend 4-H camp. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the planning meetings. We will also need adults to come to camp in June. It is a fun experience! If you are interested, contact Roni at 256-2828.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

If you graduate from high school in Spring 2011, National 4-H Council is looking for individuals with a passion for youth development, hospitality, teaching, history, politics, or leadership to apply for the position of Program Assistant (PA) at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Washington, D.C.

If chosen, you will be touching the lives of thousands of high school-aged student from all over the U.S. Nearly 2,000 young people exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds throughout the summer. These Program Assistants will help create, develop, and facilitate 4-H curriculum to be used during the 2011 program.

Applications are due Jan. 14th, 2011 and can be found at: <http://www.4-h.org/youth-development-programs/citizenship-youth-engagement/community-action/citizenship-washington-focus/program-assistant/default.aspx>

2012 WESTERN REGIONAL LEADES FORUM

Workshop proposals for the 2012 Western Regional Leaders Forum in Cheyenne, Wyoming are now being accepted. Proposals are due March 1st, 2011. Complete information is available at the Extension Office.

MSU SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All prospective 2011 fall freshmen, please be advised of the scholarship opportunities available to you. Details can be found on this link:

www.montana.edu/wwwnss/scholarships.shtml

Many of the scholarships are now automated. Prospective freshmen simply need to apply for admission and have their ACT and/or SAT scores sent to MSU directly from the testing company. If they apply and have a score that matches one of the scholarship parameters, Financial Aid sends them a scholarship offer right away.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Montana Association of Conservation Districts announces that two scholarship are available for high school seniors or students already in college. Eligibility requirement include: US Citizen, MT residency, minimum GPA of 3.0, enrollment plans or current enrollment in studies that explore natural resource issues. Students may receive a scholarship both as a high school senior and once during a post secondary career. Application deadline is Feb. 15th, 2011. Application and instructions are available at www.macdnet.org/education.htm

AG DAY ESSAY CONTEST

The Ag Council of America is sponsoring a contest for 7th ~ 12th graders to submit an original essay of 450 words or a two-minute video about the importance of agriculture. The theme is "American Agriculture: Your Food." Entries are due Feb. 4th, 2011. Official rules and information can be found at their website: www.hpj.com/agdayessay/

PROJECT LEADER WORKSHOP

All project and teen leaders are invited to attend a workshop entitled "What do I do as a project leader?" The workshop will be held March 1st, from 6:30 ~ 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Room 105.

RECORD BOOK / FORM COMPLETION WORKSHOP

Learn how to fill out record books, what makes a gold seal record book, filling out enrollment forms and project order forms. Everyone is invited to attend this workshop on February 24th from 6:00 ~ 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

YOUTH NEEDED

Youth are invited to participate in all of the county meetings and on all of the committees. We want you to be involved in Sale Committee, Livestock Committee, Department N Committee, 4-H Council and all of the event committees such as Fruit Sale and Family Fun Night. Come share your opinions and be part of the decision making process in the county! (dew12/7/2001)

4-H LICENSE PLATE

Remember, the 4-H license plate is still available. Be sure to ask for the application at the Motor Vehicle Department when you renew/purchase your next license plate.

CENTENNIAL BOOK

The Montana 4-H Centennial is rapidly approaching and presents a wonderful opportunity to tell the 4-H story through 100 years of first-hand experiences. Each county is being asked to send in the top 5 stories/photos gathered in their counties by February 15th, 2011. Complete information about what they are looking for in entries may be obtained from the Extension Office.

FAMILY IN THE MILITARY OR RESERVES

On your enrollment forms we have a section asking if someone in your family is in the service – active duty. Please check “Yes” if any family member is active in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Guard, or Reserve. This is important information we need to track because our county is the recipient of a grant through the military! They like to see how many people we are reaching.

Please contact the Extension Office (256-2828) if

someone in your family (mom, dad, sister, brother) is in the National Guard, Reserve, or other branch of the military and you forgot to mark it on your enrollment.

MAKE IT AND TAKE IT DAY FEBRUARY 26

This year we will be having a Make It and Take It day where 4-Hers can pick from a long list of workshops. Cloverbuds will have their own workshop that runs all day. Participants will be able to start and finish a project and take it home at the end of the day!

Workshops include: Leatherwork, Claymation, Tie Dye, Polar Fleece PJs, Braiding, Terrarium, Rockets, and many more. Member/Cloverbud registration is \$20 and includes workshop materials, snacks, and lunch. The day runs from 9:30 am ~ 3:00 pm. Eighty participants will be accepted on a first come - first served basis. The event registration will be included in the February 4-H newsletter. Mark your calendars now!

LEARN ABOUT THE SWINE PROJECT

On Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, there will be a meeting at 6:00 pm in Courthouse Room 105 to learn more about the swine project. Everyone is invited whether you are currently in the swine project or not. We will talk about project goals, feed, healthcare, animal selection, etc. Questions: contact John Nelson @ 208-9556.

ATTENTION JR. LEADERS

There will not be a Junior Leaders meeting during the month of January. Watch the February newsletter for details about the next meeting.

GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE

People Partner Grants: The purpose of this grant is to provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. Youth should be involved in determining, conducting, and evaluating the project. Up to \$5,000 will be awarded by the Montana 4-H Foundation. Application deadline: February 1st, 2011.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Plans are underway for national 4-H Conference to be held April 2 – 7, 2011 at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington DC. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults - at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture - assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Program nationally and in their communities.

Montana will send a delegation of up to 4 participants. Youth Delegates must be 15-18 years old as of January 1, 2011 and not a High School senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend. Adult Chaperone Delegates must be an enrolled certified 4-H volunteer (24 years or older). Partial funding will be provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to selected delegates (support dependent on the number of delegates). Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1,400 total cost per participant.

Application are available at the Extension Office. Please call the office if you have questions.

SHILO SHARPS RIFLE

Once again the Montana 4-H Foundation is holding a rifle raffle. You can purchase tickets to win a \$2,500 gift certificate towards a Shilo Sharps Rifle. All proceeds go toward the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100. Only 1,200 tickets are available. Drawing will be held on June 19th, 2011 at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth. You need not be present to Win! Tickets are available at the Extension Office.

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I list several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Judith Wallinder - Farmers Insurance	
Stillwater Packing	Crowley Fleck PLLP
Fourth Ave. Meat Market	Shipton's Big R
Stella's Kitchen	Keystone Construction

Riverside Sand & Gravel
Billings Farm & Ranch Supply

Midland Implement

DEPARTMENT N NEWS ...

DEPARTMENT N MEETING

There will NOT be a Department N meeting in January, 2011. See you February 3rd, 2011.

SHOWCASE & CONGRESS QUILT SHOW

It's time to begin planning your quilt for the Showcase Quilt Show on April 30th. Any 4-H member or relative of a 4-H member may enter the quilt show. You may enter a bed quilt, wall hanging, quilted garment, quilt block or any other quilted article. If you need help getting started, or have a question about construction, patterns, choice of fabrics, binding, etc, contact your sewing or quilting leader or for more information call the Extension Office at 256-2828

Senior 4-H members - there is a quilt show at Congress, held in Bozeman in July. You may enter your quilt in the Congress Quilt Show and attend the Congress Quilting Contest. Any size quilt will be accepted, as well as wall hangings and quilted garments. All work must be done by the 4-H member (i.e., no professional quilting) and awards will be presented. Score sheets are available for you to see from Roni. Our county may submit more than one entry, so encourage your friends to quilt too.

CAKE

The Cake Meeting will be held January 18th, at 6:30 pm at the Courthouse in Room 105. We will be doing a "winter" theme - snowman, ice skating, snowflakes, etc. 1st and 2nd year kids bring a one-layer cake (any shape) and something edible to decorate with (i.e., candy, teddy grahams, pretzels, etc.). 3rd year kids bring a two-layer cake. 4th year kids bring a cut-up cake that has been crumb coated. **Everyone** bring icing, decorating utensils, boards and boxes. RSVP by Friday, January 14th to the Extension Office at 256-2828 or Carol at 839-7420 (leave a message).

READY TO WEAR

Several people have asked what project you need to sign up for to do Ready to Wear at the Showcase and at the MontanaFair. The PACT project (listed on the county supplement) is designed for youth who do not want to sew and only want to do ready to wear. If you want to sew and do ready to wear sign up for Clothing and Textiles and you can do both. You do not need to sign up for both projects and do double the record sheets.

SEWING FABRIC AVAILABLE

Attention all 4-H sewers! The Extension Office has acquired a significant amount of nice, large pieces of various fabric. If you need fabric for a project please contact the Extension Office at 256-2828 to schedule a time when you can come in and pick out some fabric.

QUILTS AND FAMILY TRADITIONS

For those of you who are interested in quilting and also passing down family traditions, here is an opportunity to advance your interest. Perhaps those of you in the Quilting Project would like to read the book **“The Keeping Quilt”** and then try some of the learning activities that go with the book. It is an interesting story of a family that came to the United States from Russia, and how the clothing of the family members was used to make a quilt which was used for a variety of family events and was then passed down through the generations, preserving the family heritage. The book is available for checkout at the Extension Office. If you have any questions about the project, contact Bernie Mason in the Extension Office.

CERAMICS

Ceramics is going great so far for the 2nd year. Kids learned how to apply decals to glazed projects.

The next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 15th, 10:00 am ~ noon in Courthouse Room 105. We will be learning about underglazes. Please bring a cleaned greenware piece that would work well for underglazes. Paints will be provided.

We have plenty of room for beginning ceramics and 3 teachers. If you want to join us, please call Marilyn @ 657-4015 by January 13th.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

A shooting sports leader training is scheduled for February 11th & 12th at the Eastern Montana Fairgrounds in Miles City, MT. Registration deadline is February 1st. The training will include all disciplines. Registration forms and the required pre-test are available online on the Yellowstone County 4-H website or in the Extension Office. Questions: Contact the 4-H Office at 256-2828.

SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONAL

The Lewis and Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational will take place in Helena on Saturday, January 22nd, 2011. If interested, any 4-H shooting sports member enrolled in air rifle, air pistol, or archery is welcome to attend.

Please note that the registration deadline is January 10th. The registration packet can be printed off our county 4-H website under Other Forms, Miscellaneous or can be picked up in the Extension Office.

LIVESTOCK NEWS ...

SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE SALE COMMITTEE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Small Animal Committee Meeting - Jan. 26th - 6:00 pm
Sale Committee Meeting - Jan. 26th - 6:30 pm
Livestock Committee Meeting - Jan. 26th -

**7:00 pm or immediately following Sale Comm.
Officers elected at this month's Livestock
Meeting.**

KMON JUDGING CONTEST

KMON Livestock, Meats ID and Crops Judging Contests will be held at the State Fairgrounds in Great Falls on January 22nd, 2011. Registrations are due by January 13th

to the Cascade County Extension Office. Contact Roni at 256-2828 before January 10th if you want to attend.

2011 MONTANA STATE FAIR JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

As 2010 comes to a close, we wanted to make you aware of changes and happenings in the 2011 Montana State Fair Junior Livestock Program. First, we will be eliminating the formal nominations that were previously due in January and April. This year heifer, steer, hog and lamb exhibitor entries will be mailed June 1st to previous year's exhibitors. Entries are due in the Cascade County office by July 1st. Late entries are accepted until July 15th. No entries will be accepted after July 15th. Entry fees will be increased from \$25 to \$35 per animal.

We will have a Junior Livestock Sale for steer, lamb, and hog exhibitors. The tentative schedule for the Junior Livestock Events is August, 2–5, 2011.

For additional information call the Montana State Fair office @ 406-727-8900 or the Jr. Livestock Show Superintendents, Jamie & Jeff Wood @ 406-562-3312.

BEEF TAGGING

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter Market Beef in the 2010 MontanaFair must have their animal(s) ear tagged on **Saturday, February 5th**. **You may tag three animals. There will only be one site which is PAYS in Billings.**

Beef Tagging: 9:00 am ~ Noon

Animal Quality Assurance Training: 10:00 ~ 11:30 am

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair can't be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock Show. Open shows do not pertain to this rule. Everyone will need to weigh his or her animal(s) at tagging time. A beginning weight is required for the Carcass Contest through the Ultrasound program. Steers do not need to be halter broke to be weighed.

All exhibitors at the MontanaFair in Department A are required to attend a Quality Assurance Training prior to fair entry deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the

MontanaFair. Please read the following Quality Assurance article.

You need to bring your animals as early as possible. If you have another commitment that day, you need to ask your parents, a friend or neighbor to bring your animals. **It is your responsibility to get your animal(s) to PAYS. No animals will be tagged after this date.** If you have questions, call Shayne Vandivort at 373-5473 or the Extension Office at 256-2828. Thank you for your cooperation.

HORSE & LIVESTOCK LEADERS' FORUM

Mark your calendars for the Montana Horse & Livestock Leaders' Forum on Jan. 28–30, 2011 in Helena. This is a great event you don't want to miss. At the event you will network with other leaders from around the state, gain knowledge, and obtain new ideas to take back to your county.

Taking place on Jan. 28–30, 2011 there is an exciting lineup of quality presenters in a variety of different subject areas. On Friday night are demonstration in the 4-H Dog Herding Project and Yoga on Horseback. Saturday is jam packed with great workshops by Agents, Extension Specialists, 4-H Leaders and Industry Professionals.

To Register go to www.montana4h.org. You'll get a pop-up box and click on event info or register online to take you to the event page, or go directly to <http://montana4h.org/#program:35>. Register and send your payment (postmarked) by Dec. 20th and the cost of registration will be \$90 and you will get a free t-shirt. We will accept late registrations until Jan. 24th, which will cost \$110.

The Red Lion Colonial Inn is only holding rooms until Dec. 29th so make sure to reserve your room today as well. For more information contact the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office at 406-447-8346.

4-H CLUB OFFICERS & ROLES

Congratulations to all of the new club officers! The officer and committee system is a good way of dividing jobs and responsibilities among club members in an orderly way. The number of officers needed is determined by the size and type of club. Club officers

are usually elected annually, near the beginning of the 4-H year. One of the Leaders or parents should be responsible for helping officers carry out their responsibilities.

President - Prepares the agenda with other officers and Leader, and presides at club meetings. Knows and follows parliamentary procedure. Appoints necessary committees. Works with Leaders to see that meetings run smoothly. Checks on meeting arrangements.

Vice-President - Assumes duties of President in her/his absence. Has responsibility to see that committees are working on assigned tasks.

Secretary - Keeps complete and accurate records of each business meeting. Writes all club correspondence. Keeps club role and all other club records up to date.

Treasurer - Handles all club money. Keeps accurate and up to date financial records.

Historian - Maintains and updates the clubs history book to preserve information for future club members.

CLUB MINUTES

Just a reminder that our office should receive a copy of your club meeting minutes each month. Club secretaries may write them on the forms provided in the secretary's book; we would be glad to make a copy for you. Or they may be typed on your computer, submitted in hard copy, emailed to ronibaker@montana.edu or faxed to 256-2825.

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month:

Cool Clovers – We took part in the Laurel Christmas Parade. We did a bake sale and gift wrapping.

City Kids – We will go shopping for a family for Christmas. The club plans to go swimming over break.

Huntley Eagles – We inducted new officers, gave out awards and books, and many leader reports were given

Laurel Roadrunners – Plans were made for our Awards event. We talked about ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, Fruit Sale and Family Fun Night.

Lockwood Humble Bs – We held our potluck at the December meeting. Awards and books were given out.

INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

I attended a webinar last week that discussed the opportunities and challenges around mobile technology use, including privacy, cyber bullying, sexting and addictive behavior. Recent surveys show cell phone ownership among children has increased 68 percent in the past 5 years and typical teens send a text message every 10 minutes during waking hours. I think it is important for us all to become more “digital literate”. ~ Roni

Ten Good Tips (from the Family Online Safety Institute)

1. Before you post anything online, ask yourself whether you would share the information at an all-school assembly. Once you post something online, it is there for everyone to see. It can never be removed.
2. Be nice and polite to everyone you contact online. Avoid contact with strangers.
3. Do not share your passwords with ANYONE other than your parents—not even your friends.
4. Do not provide information regarding your whereabouts online without a parent's permission.
5. Never meet someone face-to-face who you met online.
6. Do not forward any photos or images that contain nudity.
7. If you receive a message for someone that makes you feel upset or worried, show it to your parents or a teacher.
8. Think before you text or post because your words and images can impact your reputation and can damage your future success.
9. Conduct yourself online the way you conduct yourself in the real off-line world. If you would not say something to someone's face, do not say it over email or by text.
10. The Internet is a wonderful place to find information and connect with people and friends. Surf safely and remember the three Cs...avoid contact with strangers, consider the content of your message and conduct yourself responsibly online.

For additional Internet Safety Information, please visit these websites:

www.ikeepsafe.org

www.lgdxttr.com

www.besmartwireless.com

www.lg.com

www.fosi.org

www.sprint.com/4netsafety